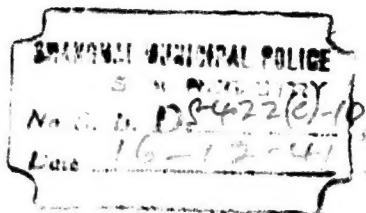


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December 11,

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P. Koller, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
International Committee for the Organisation
of European Immigrants in China,
Sassoon House,
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have to refer to your letter dated November 24, enclosing a copy of a letter to the Acting Deputy Treasurer - Revenue on the subject of tax remission for the premises of your Organisation. Whilst the Council fully appreciates the valuable services rendered by the Organisation, I must state that the Council's policy governing rate remission is strictly applied, and any concession granted on the grounds of services to the Council, as set forth in your letter to the Acting Deputy Treasurer - Revenue, would be a deviation from this policy and set an undesirable precedent.

In conclusion I would state that the Council has carefully reconsidered your request for tax remission on charitable grounds, but I regret to inform you that there is nothing further to add to the Deputy Secretary's letter to you dated October 30 on this subject.

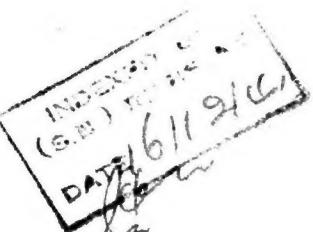
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G. Godfrey Phillips

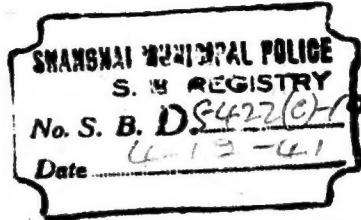
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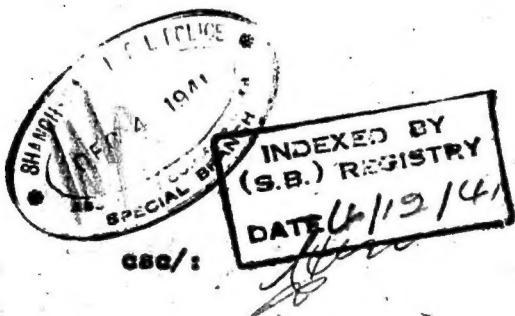
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Subject : Remission of Taxation

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H. M. SMYTH

Acting Commissioner of Police.



Special Branch.

November 29, 1941.

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A. C. (Special Branch).

Date December 1, 1941.

(Crime Branch) Office Notes

D. C. (Divisions).

I suggest copy of Special Branch memorandum go forward to Council with covering letter giving police opinion that while the Committee performs charitable work and affords maximum co-operation to the Municipal Police, exemption from taxation is not recommended on the ground that such a concession would be quoted as a precedent by other well deserving charities seeking similar relief, thereby putting the Council in an embarrassing position.

M.C.P.

I agree & recommend.

J.H.S. Robertson

D. C. (C. & S.B.).



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S * REGISTRY
No. S. B. D 6472(2)-10
Date 4-12-41

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Special Branch. Station. File No. Date November 29, 1941.

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Commr. of Police.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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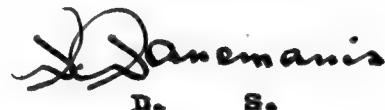
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POLICE FORCE
FOR COMMENT

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
ORGANIZATION OF EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS
IN CHINA.

Shanghai, 24th November, 1941.

The Secretary & Commissioner General,
Shanghai Municipal Council.
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

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to the Deputy Treasurer - Revenue on the subject of
the remission of taxation where the premises of this
Organisation are concerned.

Inasmuch as the contents of my letter speak
for themselves, I have nothing to add except to say
that I consider my request fully justified and trust
that it will be accorded due consideration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sgd. Paul Komor

Hon. Secretary.

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IN CHINA.

Shanghai 24th November, 1941.

The Deputy Treasurer - Revenue,
Finance Department, Revenue Office
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

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I regret that I cannot leave this matter rest, because I feel that if such regulations have existed in the past, that is not a reason why they could not be amended with a view to alleviate the financially difficult position which Charity Organisations find themselves in at present. Apart from this, I would observe that this Organisation has been, and still is, rendering services to the Shanghai Municipal Council and its various Departments, free of charge, which are of considerable value, to say the least. It might interest you to learn that the premises taxed by you contain an extensive card-index of nearly 20,000 records and photos of Central European Immigrants, of which the Police has been making use on numerous occasions. I do not wish to enlarge upon this subject, but leave it to you to obtain verification of these facts from the Department-Chiefs concerned.

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Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) Paul Komor

Hon. Secretary.

ccs. Comm.& Secret.General,
Act.Comm. of Police,
Comm. of Public Health.

"I. C."
SASSOON HOUSE
SHANGHAI.
CABLES: "ICYGRAM"
P. O. BOX 2140
TELEPHONE 16637

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Hon. Secretary.

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See Mr. A.C.T.
[Signature]

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John. Scott, Secy.

ccs. Comm. & Secret. General,
Act. Comm. of Police, X
Comm. of Public Health.

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29 NOV. 1941
POLICE FORCE

November 28,

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The Secretary & Commissioner General.

Letter dated November 24, from the International Committee for the Organization of European Immigrants in China, requesting reconsideration of the Council's decision to refuse to grant remission of taxation on the premises occupied by their Committee at No. 80
Nanking Road.

I would refer to my report dated October 31, 1941 on this subject which shows clearly that these premises are non-exemptable under the Council's ruling applicable to rate remission in respect of charity organizations.

The claim that this organization renders valuable services to the Council is irrelevant and any concession on these grounds would create an undesirable precedent.

I recommend, therefore, that the International Committee for the Organization of European Immigrants in China be informed that no departure can be made from the Council's fixed rule governing rate remission which is strictly applied.

Copies of letter dated November 17 from the "I.C." and my reply dated November 20, 1941 are annexed.

R. Kenney.

Acting Deputy Treasurer - Revenue.

Shanghai Municipal Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHANGHAI.

December 2, 1941.

The Acting Commissioner of Police.

Subject:- Letter from The International Committee for the
Organization of European Immigrants in China dated
24/11/41 re remission of taxation.

It would be appreciated if you could now forward your comment
on the above matter sent to you on November 25, 1941.


Assistant Secretary.

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July 16, 1940.

Y. Sugiyama, Esq.,
Harbour Master (Additional),
Harbour Master's Office,
Chinese Maritime Customs,
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 13 and to express the Council's appreciation of the promised co-operation of the Customs' River Police with the Municipal Police in respect of the restrictions upon the entry of Jewish refugees into Shanghai.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Godfrey Phillips

Secretary & Commissioner General.

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16 JUL 1940
~~POLICE FORCES~~

Chinese Maritime Customs,

Harbour Master's Office.

Shanghai, 16th July 1940.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your communication of the 12th instant, in regard to International Settlement Municipal Police seeking co-operation of Customs River Police when boarding vessels in harbour to implement the regulations restricting the entry of Jewish refugees into Shanghai, and, also, inviting the nomination of a Customs River Police officer to maintain a constant liaison with Municipal Police. And in reply thereto, I agree to such co-operation as requested, and would suggest that the liaison be maintained between the Municipal Police and River Police Headquarters, situate in the Harbour Master's Office Building, opposite the Custom House, The Bund.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Y. Sugiyama

Harbour Master
(Additional)

G. Godfrey Phillips, Esq.,
Secretary & Commissioner General,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

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July 12,

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T. Sugiyama, Esq.
 Harbour Master (Additional),
 Harbour Master's Office,
 Chinese Maritime Customs,
 Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of June 28 and my acknowledgement of June 29, on the subject of the functioning of the Municipal Police on vessels in the harbour in connection with the entry of Jewish refugees.

I have to assure you that the Municipal Police will gladly seek the co-operation of the Customs River Police in carrying out measures on ships in the harbour designed merely to implement the regulations restricting the entry of Jewish refugees into Shanghai. As you are doubtless aware, these regulations were drawn up by the Settlement Authorities in consultation with the Japanese Authorities.

I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to invite your nomination of an officer of the Customs River Police with whom the Municipal Police would be very pleased to maintain a constant liaison.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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G. Godfrey Phillips

Secretary & Commissioner General.

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